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Final Cotton Production Estimates For 2011 Crop

Phoenix – Final figures on Arizona's 2011 cotton crop show area planted to upland varieties totaled 250,000 acres with 248,000 acres harvested. The average yield per acre was a record high 1,548 pounds per acre, surpassing the previous record high yield of 1,517 pounds established in 2010. Production totaled 800,000 bales, 31 percent more than last year. Pima cotton was planted and harvested from 10,000 acres. Final Pima production totaled 20,000 bales, an increase of 15,600 bales from the previous year. Total cottonseed production was estimated at 299,000 tons, up 36 percent from 2010.

In its first production forecast of the 2012 season, the Arizona office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service forecast the State's Durum wheat crop at 11.4 million bushels, up 43 percent from the 2011 crop. Area for harvest is estimated at 99,000 acres, 20,000 more acres than a year ago. Yield is expected to average 115 bushels per acre.

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